

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-9 (Canceled).

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method for localizing one or more sources, each source (emitters) being in motion relative to a network of sensors, the method comprising the steps of:

separating the sources in order to identify the direction vectors associated with the response of the sensors to a source at a given incidence, said incidence angles varying depending on the position of the sensors network relative to said sources;

associating direction vectors $a_{1m}...a_{km}$ obtained for the m^{th} transmitter and respectively at the instants $t_1...t_k$, are associated during a period Dt in order to separate different sources for each instant $t_1...t_k$, said incidence angles varying depending on the position of the sensors network relative to said sources;

wherein the direction vectors $a_{1m}...a_{km}$ obtained for the mobile sources and respectively for the instants $t_1...t_k$ are associated during the period Dt in order to separate the different sources for each instant $t_1...t_k$ the position (x_m, y_m, z_m) of the mobile emitter is directly localized from the direction vectors $a_{1m}...a_{km}$ associated to a same emitter, one emitter being obtained from the different instants t_k ;

The method according to claim 10, wherein the associating step comprises:

Step ASE – 1 : Initialization of the process at $k=2$.

Step ASE – 2 : For $1 < m < M$ determining the indices $i(m)$ in using the relationship $d(a_{km}, b_{i(m)}) = \min_{1 \leq i \leq M} [d(a_{km}, b_i)]$, the direction vector $a_{k,m}$ and the vectors b_i identified at the instant t_{k+1} for $(1 < k < M)$, setting up a function $\beta_m(t_k) = d(a_{km}, a_{om})$, wherein $d(u, v) = 1 -$

$$\frac{|u^H v|^2}{(u^H u)(v^H v)}$$

Step ASE – 3 : For $1 < m < M$ performing the operation $a_{k+1\ m} = b_{i(m)}$,

Step ASE – 4 : Incrementing $k \leftarrow k+1$ and if $k < K$ returning to the step ASE-1,

Step ASE – 5 : Starting from the family of instants $\Phi = \{t_1, \dots, t_K\}$ thus obtained, extracting the instants t_i which do not belong to a zone defined by the curve $\beta_m(t_k)$ and a zone of tolerance;

where M is the number of transmitters.

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[10]] 11, wherein the localizing step comprises:

a normalized vector correlation $L_K(x, y, z)$ maximizing in the space (x, y, z) of the position of a transmitter with

$$L_K(x, y, z) = \frac{|b_K^H v_K(x, y, z)|^2}{(b_K^H b_K)(v_K(x, y, z)^H v_K(x, y, z))}$$

with

$$b_K = \begin{bmatrix} b_{1m} \\ \vdots \\ b_{Km} \end{bmatrix} = v_K(x_m, y_m, z_m) + w_K, \quad v_K(x, y, z) = \begin{bmatrix} b(t_1, x, y, z) \\ \vdots \\ b(t_K, x, y, z) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } w_K = \begin{bmatrix} w_{1m} \\ \vdots \\ w_{Km} \end{bmatrix}$$

where W_K is the noise vector for all the positions (x, y, z) of a transmitter; and wherein the vector b_K comprises a vector representing the noise, the components of which are functions of the components of the direction vectors $a_{1m} \dots a_{Km}$.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein comprising:

a step in which the matrix of covariance $R=E[w_K w_K^H]$ of the noise vector is determined and in that the following criterion is maximized :

$$L_K'(x, y, z) = \frac{\left| b_K^H R^{-1} v_K(x, y, z) \right|^2}{\left(b_K^H R^{-1} b_K \right) \left(v_K(x, y, z)^H R^{-1} v_K(x, y, z) \right)}$$

Where v_x is a speed vector and b_k is vector for source separation and source identification.

15. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 14, wherein the evaluation of the criterion $L_K(x, y, z)$ and/or of the criterion $L_K'(x, y, z)$ is recursive.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein it comprises a step of comparison of the maximum values with a threshold value.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein the value of K is initially fixed at K_0 .

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[10]]¹¹, wherein the transmitters to be localized are mobile and in that the direction vector considered is parameterized by the position of the transmitter to be localized and the speed vector.